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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EX- IM PRESS RELEASE APRIL 2, 1972:

QUOTE: EXIMBANK SUPPORTS DOLS 350 MILLION SALE OF U. S. EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT IN ALGERIA.

QUOTE: THE SIGNING OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U. S. AND SONATRACH (SOCIETE NATIONALE POUR LA RECHERCHE, LA PRODUCTION, LE TRANSPORT, LA TRANSFORMATION ET LA COMMERCIALISATION DES HYDROCARBURES) OF ALGERIA HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY WALTER C. SAUER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF EXIMBANK. NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONCLUDED IN WASHINGTON, D. C. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31. MR. SAUER SIGNED THE AGREEMENT FOR EXIMBANK AND SID AHMED GHOZALI, PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR GENERALE, SIGNED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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SONATRACH.

QUOTE: UNDER THIS AGREEMENT EXIMBANK WILL EXTEND A DIRECT LOAN OF DOLS 157,410,000 TO SONATRACH TO FINANCE 45 PER CENT OF THE U. S. COSTS OF DOLS 349,800,000 FOR U. S. GOODS AND SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN ALGERIA. EXIM-BANK IS ALSO PROVIDING FINANCIAL GUARANTEES OF LOANS TOTALING DOLS 157,410,000 (EQUivalent OF EIGHT SQUARE MILES) ON THE WEST BANK. MOST OF THIS LAND IS LOCATED IN JERUSALEM AREA (NEBI SAMWIL, ATAROT) AND NEAR KFAR ETZION. TSUR CATEGORICALLY DENIED RECENT PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT JNF HAS PURCHASED OVER 80 ,000 DUNUMS ON WEST BANK. JERUSALEM POST OF APRIL 2 QUOTES " LANDS AUTHORITY" SOURCES AS STATING THAT AUTHORITY HAS PURCHASED ONLY " A FEW THOUSAND DUNUMS" ON WEST BANK, MOSTLY IN JORDAN VALLEY AND ALL FOR SETTLEMENT PURPOSES. TSUR SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO SALE OF WEST BANK LAND TO INDIVIDUAL ISRAELIS, WHICH HE FEARED WOULD SET OFF WILD LAND SPECULATION IN TERRITORIES.

3. COMMENT: SUGGESTION TO PERMIT JEWISH ISRAELIS TO PURCHASE LAND ON WEST BANK, IF APPROVED, WOULD CHANGE GROUND RULES OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ON WEST BANK AND WOULD MAKE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR GOI TO EXTRICATE ITSELF FROM AREA AT SOME FUTURE DATE. WE ASSUME THAT SUCH AN OBVIOUS CHANGE IN THE STATUS QUO GOVERNING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND WEST BANK WOULD BE TAKEN BY WEST BANKERS AND BY AMMAN AS SIGNAL THAT GOI IS DETERMINED TO HOLD ON TO AREA.
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